

TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — May 2019 Newsletter

Dear Neighbor:

Spring has arrived, and everything is in beautiful bloom in the Acres. Soon, our little Town will swell from its 100 year-round residents to over 500 in the summer. All of us here welcome you back for another glorious summer at the beach.

It's been a busy off-season, with eight new homes completed or underway and three major renovations. The Town remains attractive for investment, especially for those planning to retire here in future years. We welcome our new neighbors and extend many thanks to Dick Kollar, our Zoning Officer, for his assistance to residents on their projects.

Our Planning Commission has completed a draft of the 5-year update of the Town's Comprehensive Plan, as required under State law. Many thanks to Commission members Wendy Jacobs, Gordon Kaiser, Tim Lyons, Bob Reed, and John Scheurer for their time and effort.

Summer wouldn't be summer without a bang-up Fourth of July celebration. We will once again do our part by holding the Annual Town Parade. Start saving your red, white and blue decorations and garb to show your patriotic pride.

Finally, please remember to drive slowly through the Town, as there are many children, walkers, runners, and four-legged friends on the roadways. Let's all have a safe and healthy summer.

Joni Reich
Mayor

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board of Commissioners

Budget Meeting

Friday, June 7 at 10am

Quarterly Meeting

Friday, July 12 at 10am

Planning Commission

As needed

Board of Adjustment

As needed

Tree Committee

Friday, May 10 at 2pm

TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Monday May 27

Memorial Day

Thursday July 4

Independence Day

Monday September 2

Labor Day

Monday October 14

Columbus Day

Important Voter Registration and Election Information for 2019

Town elections are held every August for the Commissioner positions whose terms are ending. Important dates for the 2019 election are shown below. A voter registration form can be obtained from Town Hall or on the Town website: <https://henlopenacres.delaware.gov/forms/>. You must be registered to vote in the election.

Deadline to file Candidacy is: **Friday July 12, 2019**

Deadline to register to vote is: **Thursday July 25, 2019**

Election Day is: **Saturday August 24, 2019**

At the April 12 Quarterly Meeting, the Commissioners discussed adopting a Building and Property Maintenance Ordinance, of which a portion is included below. The Commissioners would like your feedback either by emailing Town hall at:

townhall@henlopenacres.com

Or in person at the next Quarterly meeting Friday July 12 at 10am.

§ 91- Maintenance required.

All buildings and structures, and all parts thereof, shall be maintained in a safe, sanitary and nonhazardous manner. All means of egress, devices, safeguards and equipment shall be kept in good working order. The exterior of all premises and the condition of all buildings, structures and components thereon shall be maintained, so as to prevent deterioration. The appearance thereof shall reflect a level of maintenance in keeping with the standards of the neighborhood and with all applicable ordinances of the Town of Henlopen Acres. Any properties not meeting the standards of this chapter shall constitute nuisance and a violation of this chapter.

For a complete copy of the proposed ordinance visit the Town website
or contact Town Hall

5th Annual 4th of July Parade**Mark your calendars****The Henlopen Acres 4th of July Parade will be held
on Thursday July 4th with registration****at the Marina****More details to follow!!!****Welcome to our new property owners:****Brendan & Margaret Babbington-57 Rolling Rd-Chevy Chase, MD****Robert Goodwin & Luanne Keirse-53 Fields End-Reisterstown, MD****Our deepest sympathies to the family of:****Robert Moltz-62 Pine Reach-01/14/2019****APPOINTMENTS**

On Friday, April 12, the Board of Commissioners
reappointed Wendy Jacobs to the Planning
Commission

Meals on Wheels

*Are you compassionate? Do you want to help your
community? Do you have two hours to spare one day a
week? Then consider applying to become a
meals on wheels volunteer*

**Check out the Meals on Wheels Lewes-Rehoboth
website for more information:**

<https://www.mealsonwheels-lr.org/volunteer/>

**Welcome back to all the residents who have been away for the
winter, we are excited that Spring is finally here!! A few re-
minders:**

Be mindful of the increased pedestrian and bike traffic in Town by
obeying all traffic laws, especially stop signs and speed limits.
All dogs must be on a leash, and please clean up after your pet.
The Town provides several waste depot stations.
When cleaning up leaves and debris from your yard, please separate
them into two piles, leaves in one and branches (under 4 inches in
diameter) and twigs in another and place them on the easement near
the road for pick up. Please remember we CANNOT take tree
stumps, dirt piles or bamboo.

Bonfires on the Beach (Block W)**Please DO NOT contact Town Hall**

The beach may be used for a bonfire at night, with such ser-
vice available for hire by Lynam. An **Event Request Form** is
required and must be obtained prior to any fire and all debris
must be cleaned up and removed. The **Event Request Form**
can be found on the Town's website :

[https://henlopenacres.delaware.gov/hapoc-henlopen-acres-
property-owners-corporation-information-page/](https://henlopenacres.delaware.gov/hapoc-henlopen-acres-property-owners-corporation-information-page/)

Please contact HAPOC Vice President Paddy Richards with
any questions: paddyrichards3@gmail.com

Bonfires on the Beach (Beach Club)**Please DO NOT contact Town Hall**

For any events, including bonfires, at the Beach Club, Beach
Club members should speak directly to
the Manager, Bobby Hutton at 917-617-3470

Ordinance Spotlight-Chapter 96- Rights-of-Way; Streets**§96-2. Paving, Obstruction limited, Permission for changes**

- A. New paving or change of materials of all or any part of any right of way in Henlopen Acres by any person other than the Town, its officers, employees, agents, or assigns, is prohibited except as may otherwise be provided in this chapter.
- B. Obstructions and/or intrusions, including but not limited to timbering, borders, landscaping, planting, and reflectors, in or of any part of any right of way of Henlopen Acres by any person other than the Town, its officers, employees, agents, or assigns, is prohibited except as may otherwise be provided in this chapter.
- C. Application for Permission
 1. Any property owner may apply to the Commissioners for permission to change materials in an existing driveway connection or install new paving or create a new driveway connecting a lot to the paved portion of the Town's right of way by filing an application for building permit; provided, however, that installation of a new driveway as part of new construction or improvements shall be reviewed only as necessary as part of an Environmental Approval Committee review process and approval.
 2. Any property owner may apply to the Commissioners for permission to use part of the right of way for improvements for parking and landscaping, by filing an application for a building permit.